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OREGONOPHOBIA.

A new and malignant malady has made itself manifest in Washington, and though the infection is rigidly confined to a small group of men (and most of them self-innoculated), it is none the less interesting, and especially so to the citizens of this state. It is called "Oregonophobia" and the worst known case now under contemplation is that of Secretary Hitchcock, of the Department of the Interior. He became innoculated with it about the time Binger Herman was sent back to Congress, after he, the secretary had succeeded in coupling him up with the land-fraud matters. From the day Mr. Herman re-entered Washington as Oregon's representative from the First Congressional district, the aged minister has been possessed with an incurable and irradicable hatred for everything hailing from Oregon, until now his case is unique in its conspicuousness and hopelessness. Some few of his nearer henchmen are infected, but not to hurt.

The honorable secretary's sad malady has assumed a virulent phase of late, and its animus is directed purely and personally to United States Senator Charles W. Fulton, of this state and city, who recently had occasion to utter the reasonable conviction that Secretary Hitchcock "was in his dotage." The secretary will leave nothing undone to hamper, annoy and defeat Mr. Fulton, in his insensate desire for revenge, and is now on a still-hunt for some episode in the senator's career upon which to fasten the tentacles of his wrath. Senator Fulton's official career has been plainly and plentifully marked with the evidences of the secretary's unreasonable hatred of things and people Oregonian, and to this one source alone, is attributable his failure to do all for the state he wanted to do. The whole situation has been thoroughly understood at the national capital, and the Oregon senator is not alone in the inference as to the New Hampshire man's senility.

Mr. Hitchcock's attitude at the present moment, and his openly avowed, malicious pursuit of the Oregon senator, is proof positive of the correctness of the latter's assumption that the minister is in his dotage. The lack of dignity, self-poise and official honor, conspicuous in his relation throughout the whole affair, warrants a severer conclusion than that.

RAISING MUNICIPAL REVENUE

The charter commission now in session for the purpose of supplying the urgent reforms needed in Astoria's municipal code, have done one wise thing in the matter of amending the revenue-raising section so as to dispense with the absolute necessity, and reliance, of, and upon, the fines and forfeitures from the disorderly elements, for the sum of the city's expenditures. The commission proposes to raise the limit of city taxation from 1 per cent, to 2 per cent, thereby giving the local treasury sufficient money to meet the current obligations of the city without having sole recourse to the penal moneys collected in the police court. This is not only wise in an administrative sense, but is, morally, a far better and cleaner process. Besides it is of a firmer and more reliable basis and will not fluctuate from month to month. It takes just so much money to run a city of this size, and the 1 per cent now fixed by charter is inadequate to meet the normal demands of local government, and the 2 per cent tax will just comfortably cover the annual budget. The advanced property tax will have the effect of leaving the city very much freer in the regulation of the vicious phases of society here and render Astoria less amenable to the

wide-spread reproach that now oppresses her. It is inevitable that the questionable classes should seek to override laws and ordinances when they realize that the very sinews of control are furnished by them and their flagrant operations.

THE GULLIBLE WOMAN.

It is beyond comprehension that the ordinary woman of today should fall so readily a victim to the advertising fraud, and give up her good name and her resources to the plausible scoundrels that play upon her susceptibilities by skillfully worded "personals" and such like baitings. A woman in Portland, Me., presumably, a real live Yankee woman, saw an advertisement the other day calling for "a young woman with a thousand dollars, as a partner in a hotel venture," etc., etc., and she traveled a thousand miles to walk into the trap, and lost everything, her self-respect included. They are altogether too easy, and the marvel is, that more use is not made of their stupidity. Not one man in a thousand would consider such an advertisement for an instant; but the lone woman will take a plunge, anyway, without even stopping to ask advice from some nearby friendly man or wiser woman. But, then, woman is a law unto herself, as a rule, and only the married ones are safe from such allurements, and they only, when they listen to the counsels of their husbands.

THE GERMAN SOCIALIST.

The social democrat of Germany has had another, supposedly, hard rap from the government of the "Fatherland." None of that ilk are to be permitted to teach, in any capacity, hereafter, as they are, constitutionally, impaired, by reason of their creed, from imparting to the young the tenets of "religion, love of the Fatherland, and loyalty to the Royal Family." It will be no particular hardship to the ordinary socialist over there, however, as the three non-essentials alluded to, constitute the actual fundamental reasons for their being socialists at all. It will take something more than this to curb socialism in Germany.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

There should be no "factions" in this little city of ours. Every improvement made enhances the value of all property in and surrounding our town. We should live as one big family, and we believe few towns can show up a more progressive and intellectual family. We have as few "black sheep" in our place as any flock in the state. When there is discord in the family there is little progress. When there is a united pull there is little we cannot accomplish. Envy, jealousy and hatred pull us all down. Envy is a canker that gnaws at the heart and makes one sour, disgruntled and unhappy. Jealousy makes one unfair in passing judgment; hatred does not pay even from a sordid point of view. Let us all be friends and pull together and show our neighbors what a large and harmonious family can accomplish in building up a town.

A contemporary says that it should be remembered that the newspaper is for everybody and hence must publish something for everybody. If you see something which is of little interest to you, remember "there are others" and that the entire paper is not printed especially for you. The very thing that is dull and uninteresting to you may be the best thing in the paper for some other reader, and other readers have just as good a right to be pleased as you have. There are whole pages in the paper that are no interest to us, but they are to others. A paper which contained but such matter as would interest any particular one of us would have a very limited number of readers. There are many people of many minds, and the paper must have something for each.

The disaster in San Francisco has made the people acquainted with the use of paper money. Previous to the earthquake gold and silver were the only mediums of exchange handled by the people. The banks and the hotels used paper to some extent but the wage-earner received his pay in coin and the small shopkeeper refused to take paper on the plea that he saw so little of it that he was unable to detect the genuine from the counterfeit. Now all this is changed and the people are finding to their astonishment that paper is convenient as portable and sound as their boasted metal.

Verily the doctors threaten soon to leave us with nothing on earth fit to eat or drink. The latest raid on the works of the Almighty is by a Buffalo doctor, who proclaims that the strawberry, that most toothsome and delicious of all the little fruits, is a breeder of insanity, which, he says, increases largely during the strawberry season. If so it must be among those who cannot get any. The strawberry season begins in Cuba and Florida in early winter and ends up

at Hudson's Bay about August. The insane season in America is therefore almost perpetual.

The Cincinnati telephone girl may not know how to protect herself from mashers, but when she announces that she is taking boxing lessons for that purpose, she demonstrates that she knows a thing or two about advertising.

Dancing masters have issued a don't hug decree, but the young gallants are likely to find powder on the shoulders of their evening coats the next morning just the same.

Simplified spelling will be economical too. There will be no need to buy spelling books.

SHANGHAIED ASHORE.

Yacht Captain Summarily Impressed Into a Soda Factory.

The little yawl Restless and her darling captain, Radner Pratsch, sailed in her last Sunday and is now moored at the clam cannery wharf. She looks like anything but a desirable craft in which to brave the seas and yet two years ago he made a trip in her to San Francisco with four companions and the weather was so rough that part of the time it took three of them to do the cooking, one to hold the stove down, another to hold onto the pots and pans and the third to do the cooking. Last winter he crossed in over the Gray's Harbor bar when larger vessels would not have attempted it because of the gale which was blowing. The craft is only 36 feet long, of six tons burden, eleven foot beam band draws four and a half feet of water. Captain Pratsch, built her largely himself. He is a nephew of Mrs. L. L. Darling of this city. Captain Darling of the soda and bottling works happened to be short of help and he promptly shanghai'd his nephew into the works and has him at work. Captain Pratsch is only 23 years of age but he is a thorough navigator as he has demonstrated by his numerous trips up and down the coast.—South Bend Journal.

WHALING BIG WHALE.

Singular Effect of Tacoma Booze on the Repetoria Mind.

A few days ago an eighty-pound royal Chinook salmon from the Columbia, made a sortie into the Sound, and the following is but one of the effects of his visit there, so far as heard from, to date: "A huge whale floundered through the Narrows north-bound early yesterday morning. L. C. Cover, the local weather forecaster, who has a camp on the Narrows, saw the leviathan plainly and estimates its length at 50 feet. It passed about 7 o'clock and made a furious hubbub in the deep waters. It wallowed and plunged as though life was all a huge picnic for whales and the noise of its passage could be heard for a long distance.

"This is supposed to be the same whale that was seen in the vicinity of Belingham several days ago, coming south. The leviathan is supposed to have been down in the Olympia neighborhood, calling on the state officials and paying his respects to the state in a general way.

"Nearly every year campers along the Narrows see a whale or so."—Tacoma Ledger.

HOW THE OYSTER FEEDS.

The oyster has to work for what he eats. This is not a case of earning his bread by the sweat of his face for he is in a sweat all the time and all over. He draws through his gills many gallons of water each day. Then he strains out the minute, microscopic organisms that float in the water. Each diatom or organism has to travel a distance from the point it touches on the gills to the stomach. It must not be thought that the oyster is like some men who swallow everything that comes their way, nor select with great care his diet. He will not eat filth unless it is a matter of starvation. All this talk about contagious germs in a healthy oyster is the vaporing of a vivid imagination.—Oysterman.

GOSPEL OF JUSTICE.

The slaying of George Mitchell by his sister, melancholy tragedy that it is, is a small part of the legacy left to this country by the late Mr. Creffield. When the roll of the damned is made up, if the distinguished name of Creffield is not found far up toward the head of the list, and the illustrious Edmund himself a chief bower at the right hand of the devil, then hell is not what it is cracked up to be, and the scheme of eternal punishments a misfit.—Corvallis Times.

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PAT LAWLER'S PIGEONS.

Pat Lawler says he found out who got his pigeons by reading a little item in the Signal last week. He was out hunting, he says, and returned late one evening with seven pigeons, but when he got up in the morning could find but five; seeing an item in the Signal in which the editor thanked J. M. Hughes for a pair of pigeons he knew in a minute what had become of those he lost. These however, are matters between Mr. Hughes and Mr. Lawler. The editor ate the pigeons, and they were good. Come again, Mr. Hughes.—Seaside Signal.

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